

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, claim 1 has been amended to delete the possibility of R_1 representing a hydrogen atom, as a result of which all three provisos in the last five lines of claim 1 have been deleted, as being unnecessary.

Claim 5 has also been amended to delete the possibility of R_1 representing a hydrogen atom.

In view of these amendments, it is apparent that the rejection of the claims under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 for failure of a written description of the second and third provisos has been rendered moot.

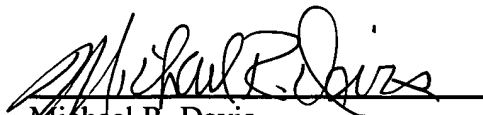
The rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 10 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based on Largeron et al. is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner characterizes compounds 7 and 8 of the Largeron et al. reference as corresponding to the presently claimed compounds where R_1 is hydrogen. However, as indicated above, the possibility of R_1 representing hydrogen has been deleted from claim 1 (and claim 5) of the application. For this reason, it is apparent that the reference does not anticipate any of the present claims.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the grounds of rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

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